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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. VATICAN WILL NOT RECEIVE PRG DELEGATION ( THIS TIME)

IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT THIEU'S IMPENDING VISIT, VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI HAS RULED OUT A PAPAL AUDIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS WITH " RANKING" VATICAN OFFICIALS FOR THE PRG DELEGATION NOW IN ROME. CASAROLI EXPECTS THE PRG TO RENEW THESE REQUESTS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND BELIEVES THE VATICAN CANNOT CONTINUE TO REFUSE. AGREEING THAT THE PRG IS A " POLITICAL PARTY," CASAROLI THINKS IT UNREASONABLE TO REFRAIN FROM CONTACTS WITH A FULL SIGNATORY TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT. ( SECRET) ROME 2703, 4/5 ( EXDIS).

### 2. WALDHEIM RIDES THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA

SYG WALDHEIM HAS DEFINITELY RULED OUT OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE PRG AT THE UN, BUT WANTS TO CONTINUE INFORMAL  
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CONTACTS WITH THE PRG FOR " HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES." A SIMPLE, NEGATIVE REPLY TO MADAME BINH IS UNLIKELY SINCE IT WOULD AMOUNT TO A TOTAL REJECTION OF THE PRG APPROACH AND BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PRG'S FULL PARTICIPATION AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE. WALDHEIM IS ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF THE US ATTITUDE AND WILL CONSULT CLOSELY WITH OUR UN MISSION ON HIS REPLY. ( SECRET) USUN 1214, 4/5 ( EXDIS).

3. SOVIET OFFICIAL RUES EDUCATION TAX

DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ALKHIMOV ADMITTED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT IMPOSITION OF THE OF ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY HERIBERT MAIER, WCL PRESIDENT MAURICE BOULADOUX, AND ANDRE BRACONNIER, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FRE TEACHERS ( IFFTU), WILL GO TO CANDAA APRIL 9-10 TO WORK FOR THE RELEASE OF THE THREE IMPRISONED TRADE UNION LEADERS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: HERIBERT MAIER, ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY, TOLD THE MI SION LABOR ATTACHE THAT AFTER DRAGGING HIS FEET ON THIS ISSUE FOR SOME TIME, CANADIAN CLC LEADER DOLAD MACDONALD ( WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE ICFTU) BECAUSE " PANICKY" BECAUSE OF MOUNTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION IN CANADA TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF THE THREE LEADERS. HE THEN CALLED ON TH ICFTU TO MOUNT A STRONG PUBLIC PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENTS OF QUEBEC AND CANADA. END LOU.

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